

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT



The ESSA English language requirement is the level of English language competence that has been set for the safe and effective practice of exercise and sports science.

WHO MUST MEET THE ESSA ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT?

Individuals who do not meet one of the exemption criteria in the [English Language policy](#) must meet the English language requirement at initial accreditation as well as on return from a leave of absence, or period of lapsed accreditation.

EXEMPTION FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Individuals who can show six or more years of education at a combination of secondary and tertiary level in the following countries are exempt from ESSA's English language requirement:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States of America

With the exception of Australia and South Africa, these countries are the same as those recognised by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) as exempt from having to sit an English language test before studying in Australia.

Other exemptions apply when an individual can show:

- their native/primary language is English
- they have previously sat a suitable English language test and achieved an appropriate test score and have been in continuous education and/or employment in an English language environment since completing the test
- they have taken a leave of absence or had a period of lapsed accreditation but have continued to live in an English language speaking environment

MEETING THE ESSA ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

An individual can meet ESSA's English language requirement by showing that they have sat a recognised test and received an appropriate score.

SUITABLE TESTS FOR MEETING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

There are a number of tests that are suitable for meeting ESSA's English language requirement. These are:

- **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)** www.ielts.org/about-the-test/test-format
- **TOEFL iBT (Test of English as a Foreign Language internet-Based Test)** www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about
- **PTE (Academic Pearson Test of English Academic)** www.pearsonpte.com/countries/pte-in-australia/
- **CAE (Cambridge English: Advanced)** www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced/

These tests are recognised by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) for studying in Australia.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT

To meet ESSA's English language requirement, an individual must have gained the following test score or higher overall and for each subcategory (listening, speaking, reading and writing) over one or two sittings of the test, over a six month period and provided this result to ESSA.

	IELTS	TOEFL IBT	PTE (ACADEMIC)	(CAE)
Overall	7.0	94	65	B (185)
Listening	7.0	24	65	B (185)
Speaking	7.0	23	65	B (185)
Reading	7.0	24	65	B (185)
Writing	7.0	27	65	B (185)

SITTING AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST

The individual who is applying for an ESSA accreditation is responsible for all arrangements to sit the English language test. This includes:

- arranging the test time;
- paying to sit the test; and
- providing a copy of the results to ESSA.

PROVIDING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST RESULTS TO ESSA

The English language test results can be provided to ESSA in the form of a certified copy of the original test results or via secure login to the testing authority. More details on who can certify a copy of the test results can be found on the ESSA website: www.essa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Suitable-notary_v1.pdf

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When do I have to meet the ESSA English language requirement?

If you are not exempt, (see English Language policy), you will need to meet ESSA's English language requirement at initial accreditation and on return from a leave of absence or period of lapsed accreditation.

If I am currently accredited, do I need to meet the English language requirement?

If you are currently accredited, you do not need to do anything, unless you go on a period of leave from our accreditation.

I was born in Australia, do I have an English language requirement for accreditation with ESSA?

The English language requirement is based on where you were educated, so most people who were born in Australia will be exempt from the English language requirement. However, some people who were born in Australia, but were educated in a non-English speaking country, may still have an English language requirement for accreditation.

I studied in Australia, do I have to meet the English language requirement?

If you can show a minimum of six years of combined education in Australia at secondary and tertiary level, you would be exempt from the English language requirement.

I sat an English language test before entering my course, but that was more than two years ago, do I have to sit another test now?

If you can show you sat a recognised test and received a score of equivalent to IELTS 7.0 or higher overall and for each of the subcategories, and have studied or worked continuously in Australia or another exempt country since sitting that test, you would be exempt from the English language requirement.

How many times can I sit an English language test to meet the English language requirement?

While it is not recommended by testing authorities, you can sit an English language test more than twice in a six month period, but for the purpose of meeting ESSA's requirements, you can only use the results from two sittings to meet the English language requirement. You can also only use results from the same test type.

Can I re-sit just one part of the English language test?

No. If you re-sit an English language test, you will need to re-sit the entire test to meet the overall requirement as well as the subcategory requirements.

Australian Government|Department of Immigration and Border Protection. Student visa English language requirements. (2017, Oct 24). Retrieved from [/www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Student-Visa-English-Language-Requirements](http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Stud/More/Student-Visa-English-Language-Requirements)